

Applicant notes that the election of species is for the purpose of prosecution on the merits, and that Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. Presently, Claims 24, 41 and 45 are generic. Applicant believes that all the dependent claims are readable thereon.

Preliminary Amendment

Prior to substantive examination, Applicant requests that the following amendments be made to the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached replacement sheets submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.12(c). Claims 24-25, 34-39, and 41-47 have been amended. A redline version is enclosed to illustrate the amendments to the claims.

REMARKS

Consideration of the claims as amended is requested. Claims 24-48 are presently pending.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney if any questions should arise.

Respectfully submitted,


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WHAT IS CLAIMED:

24. An article of manufacture, comprising, packaged together:

a unit dosage amount of an odorant packaged in a container, to alter vaginal blood flow to the vagina when inhaled by a female individual; and

instructions for administering the odorant to alter vaginal blood flow to the vagina.

25. The article of manufacture according to Claim 24, further comprising at least one of the following:

a device for measuring vaginal blood flow to the vagina of the female individual; and

means for testing olfactory ability in the female individual.

26. The article of manufacture of Claim 24, wherein the concentration of the odorant is effective to provide a suprathreshold but not irritant amount of the odorant.

27. The article of manufacture of Claim 24, wherein the concentration of the odorant is at about 25-55 decismel units.

28. The article of manufacture of Claim 24, wherein the odorant is packaged within a delivery device selected from the group consisting of a vial, jar, pouch, can, bottle, blister pack, and a scratch-and-sniff odor patch containing microcapsules of the odorant.

29. The article of manufacture of Claim 24, wherein the odorant is in a form selected from the group consisting of a cloth scented with the odorant, an aerosol spray, a pump-type spray, a nasal spray, a liquid or solid form of the odorant contained in a vessel having a cap, a liquid or solid form of the odorant contained in a blister pack, and microcapsules of the odorant contained in a scratch-and-sniff odor patch.

30. The article of manufacture of Claim 24, wherein the odorant is in the form of a cream or a cologne.

31. The article of manufacture of Claim 24, wherein the odorant is in a liquid form contained in a dispenser.

32. The article of manufacture of Claim 31, wherein the dispenser has a tip impregnated with the odorant.

33. The article of manufacture of Claim 32, wherein the dispenser contains the odorant absorbed to a wicking material.

34. The article of manufacture of Claim 24, wherein the odorant is selected from the group consisting of a ~~baby powder odorant~~, a mixture of licorice-based and banana nut bread odorants, a mixture of licorice-based and cucumber odorants, ~~a floral aldehydic perfume odorant~~, a mixture of lavender and pumpkin pie odorants, and a mixture of baby powder and chocolate odorants.

35. The article of manufacture of Claim 24, wherein the odorant comprises a mixture of a licorice-based odorant and a cucumber odorant.

36. The article of manufacture of Claim 24, wherein the odorant and the unit dosage amount of the odorant is effective to increase vaginal blood flow to the vagina of the female individual by about 10-30%.

37. The article of manufacture of Claim 36, wherein the odorant is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of a licorice-based and cucumber ~~odorant~~, ~~a baby powder odorant~~ odorants, a mixture of a lavender and pumpkin pie ~~odorant~~ odorants, and a mixture of a baby powder and chocolate ~~odorant~~ odorants.

38. The article of manufacture of Claim 24, wherein the odorant and the unit dosage amount of the odorant is effective to decrease vaginal blood flow to the vagina of the female individual by about 10-20%.

39. The article of manufacture of Claim 38, wherein the odorant is selected from the group consisting of a licorice-based odorant, a charcoal barbecue smoke odorant, and a cherry odorant, and a mixture of licorice-based and cucumber odorants, and a floral-aldehydic perfume odorants.

40. The article of manufacture of Claim 38, wherein the odorant is selected from the group consisting of a licorice-based odorant, a charcoal barbecue smoke odorant, and a cherry odorant.

41. An article of manufacture, comprising, packaged together:

 a unit dosage amount of an odorant packaged in a container, to increase vaginal blood flow to the vagina when inhaled by a female individual; and
 instructions for administering the odorant to increase vaginal blood flow to the vagina.

42. The article of manufacture of Claim 41, wherein the odorant and the unit dosage amount of the odorant is effective to increase vaginal blood flow to the vagina of the female individual by about 10-30%.

43. The article of manufacture of Claim 41, wherein the odorant is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of a licorice-based and cucumber odorant, a baby powder odorant odorants, a mixture of a lavender and pumpkin pie odorant odorants, and a mixture of a baby powder and chocolate odorant odorants.

44. The article of manufacture of Claim 41, wherein the odorant comprises a mixture of a licorice-based and cucumber odorant odorants.

45. An article of manufacture, comprising, packaged together:

 a unit dosage amount of an odorant packaged in a container, to decrease ~~vaginal~~ blood flow to the vagina when inhaled by a female individual; and

 instructions for administering the odorant to decrease ~~vaginal~~ blood flow to the vagina.

46. The article of manufacture of Claim 45, wherein the odorant and the unit dosage amount of the odorant is effective to decrease ~~vaginal~~ blood flow to the vagina of the female individual by about 10-20%.

47. The article of manufacture of Claim 45, wherein the odorant is selected from the group consisting of a licorice-based odorant, a charcoal barbecue smoke odorant, ~~and~~ a cherry odorant, and a mixture of licorice-based and cucumber odorants, ~~and~~ a floral-aldehydic perfume odorants.

48. The article of manufacture of Claim 45, wherein the odorant is selected from the group consisting of a licorice-based odorant, a charcoal barbecue smoke odorant, and a cherry odorant.